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TRUMP IMPEACHED



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House Speaker Nancy Pelosi announces the passage of the second article of impeachment against President Donald Trump on Wednesday on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C.

Historic vote: House charges abuse of power, obstruction of Congress

By Lisa Mascaro and Mary Clare Jalonick
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WASHINGTON » President Donald Trump was impeached by the U.S. House of Representatives on Wednesday night, becoming only the third American chief executive to be formally charged under the Constitution's ultimate remedy for high crimes and misdemeanors.

The historic vote split along party lines, much the way it has divided the nation, over a charge that the 45th president abused the power of his office by enlisting a foreign government to investigate a political rival ahead of the 2020 election. The House then approved a second charge, that he obstructed Congress in its investigation.

The articles of impeachment, the political equivalent of an indictment, now go to the Senate for trial. If Trump is acquitted by the Republican-led chamber, as expected, he still would have to run for reelection carrying the enduring stain of impeachment on his purposely disruptive presidency.

He saw the blame flowing in the other direction. He told a political rally in Michigan that "crazy Nancy Pelosi's House Democrats have branded themselves with an eternal mark of shame."

The votes were 230 for impeachment and 197 against on the first count, 229-198 on the second.

Democrats led Wednesday night's voting, framed in what many said was their duty to protect the Constitution and uphold the nation's system of checks and balances. Republicans stood by their party's leader, who has frequently tested

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President Donald Trump speaks Wednesday during a rally in Michigan.

IMPEACHMENT VOTES

Here's how members of Congress from Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside and San Bernardino counties voted. In all cases, they cast the same vote on both articles of impeachment:

CA-8: Paul Cook (R) No

CA-25: Vacant

CA-26: Julia Brownley (D) Yes

CA-27: Judy Chu (D) Yes

CA-28: Adam Schiff (D) Yes

CA-29: Tony Cardenas (D) Yes

CA-30: Brad Sherman (D) Yes

CA-31: Pete Aguilar (D) Yes

CA-32: Grace Napolitano (D) Yes

CA-33: Ted Lieu (D) Yes

CA-34: Jimmy Gomez (D) Yes

CA-35: Norma Torres (D) Yes

CA-36: Raul Ruiz (D) Yes

CA-37: Karen Bass (D) Yes

CA-38: Linda Sanchez (D) Yes

CA-39: Gil Cisneros (D) Yes

CA-40: Lucille Roybal-Allard (D) Yes

CA-41: Mark Takano (D) Yes

CA-42: Ken Calvert (R) No

CA-43: Maxine Waters (D) Yes

CA-44: Nanette Barragán (D) Yes

CA-45: Katie Porter (D) Yes

CA-46: Lou Correa (D) Yes

CA-47: Alan Lowenthal (D) Yes

CA-48: Harley Rouda (D) Yes

CA-49: Mike Levin (D) Yes

CA-50: Duncan Hunter (R) Did not vote

Reaction: Defiant president rallies his supporters after rebuke

By Darlene Superville, Zeke Miller and Jill Colvin
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BATTLE CREEK, MICH. » Defiant in the face of a historic rebuke, President Donald Trump rallied supporters in Michigan on Wednesday night as the House voted to impeach him, declaring, "It doesn't really feel like we're being impeached."

Trump took the stage just minutes before he became the third president in U.S. history to be impeached by the House of Representatives.

In a dramatic and discordant split-screen, Trump emerged from a mock fireplace at the Christmas-themed rally as the debate in Washington was underway. He took time to praise "the miracle of Christmas, the greatness of America and the glory of God," even as he slammed Democrats, accusing the "radical left in Congress" of being "consumed with envy and hate and rage."

Aides had said Trump would wait to see the House vote before coming out to address the rally, but he appeared onstage early and promised "the best speech you've ever heard" in a swing state that narrowly voted for him in 2016.

While Trump and his aides have tried to brush off the significance of the vote — noting there is little chance he will be convicted by the Republican-controlled Senate and removed from office — allies nonetheless acknowledged that Trump has been angry over the stain that impeachment will leave on his legacy.

"This lawless, partisan impeachment is a political suicide march for the Democratic party," Trump told the crowd as the final tally of a vote

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RIVERSIDE

Council votes to buy sheds, add beds for homeless

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After a marathon meeting, the Riverside City Council voted early Wednesday to approve a three-pronged emergency approach to addressing homelessness in the city.

It will buy 20 shelters, add 40

beds at a homeless shelter and offer rental assistance for 40 others now living on the streets.

The shelters are manufactured by Pallet, the company that made the one Riverside Mayor Rusty Bailey has been spending nights in outside the homeless shelter.

The mayor had advocated their purchase, saying people could die on cold streets if the city doesn't

act quickly. The council's 6-1 vote, with Councilwoman Erin Edwards opposed, came just before 1 a.m. and followed a long list of speakers on both sides of the issue.

The city counted 439 people living without shelter in the city, with only 180 shelter beds available.

Participants agreed that there

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The Riverside City Council heard from a standing-room only crowd before approving emergency shelter for homeless people in a meeting that began Tuesday evening.

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